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QUOTES SENATOR YOUNG ON THE CIA

WALTER CRONKITE: "Steven Young, the Democratic Senator from Ohio, a recent visitor to Vietnam, said a U.S. Central Intelligence agent in Saigon told him that the CIA, in an effort to discredit the Vietcong, disguised a number of men as Communist guerillas, sent them out to kill and rape Vietnamese villagers. The CIA quickly issued a denial.

"And Democratic Congressman Cornelius Gallagher of New Jersey, also a recent Vietnam visitor, said Young either misunderstood some briefing officer, or in Gallagher's words 'He may have spoken to a Vietcong disguised as a CIA man' end quote."

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WASHINGTON, OCT. 20 (AP)-SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG

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... D-OHIO, SAYS HE HAS LEARNED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HIRED PERSONS TO DISGUISE AS VIET CONG AND DISCREDIT COMMUNISTS IN VIET NAM BY COMMITTING ATROCITIES.

THE CIA AND REP. CORNELIUS E. GALLAGHER, D-N.Y., SAID IT ISN'T SO?

YOUNG, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM VIET NAM, AT FIRST TOLD NEWSMEN A CIA MAN INFORMED HIM THE CIA HIRED SOUTH VIETNAMESE WHO DRESSED AS VIET CONG, THEN COMMITTED SUCH ACTS AS KILLING MEN AND RAPING WOMEN.

TONIGHT, HOWEVER, THE SENATOR DENIED SAYING THE INFORMATION CAME FROM A CIA MAN, BUT SAID HE GOT IT FROM AN AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICER WHOM HE DID NOT NAME.

NEVERTHELESS, YOUNG SAID, "I CONFIRMED THROUGH THE CIA TODAY THAT IT EMPLOYED SOME SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONALS TO POSE AS VIET CONG--AND I TAKE A DIM VIEW OF THAT."

GALLAGHER SAID X X X PICKING UP 2ND GRAF A48 AND DELETING THIRD GRAF "YOUNG, WHO X X X THOSE THINGS."

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